



It Pays to Advertise in the Rising Son for it Reaches More Homes of Colored People than any other Paper in the State.

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## The Metropolitan Street R'y Co. Is a Strong Agent in the Promotion of Kansas City's Greatness.

About a score of years ago Kansas City was in a very rude state. The city limits marked by Troost Ave., going east and the various streets within walking distance were nothing but vast woods. In those days the pioneers of the city had only mule cars for transportation and these were almost a failure because nearly every pioneer had conveyances of his own in the form of horses and wagons. Various companies owned the mule cars on different lines. Then came the boom which sent Kansas City fifty years ahead. People began to own property and the city began to grow and the city limits took another step forward. Then also the mule cars were changed by force of necessity to our latter day cable car system. The people thought that the transportation. The Metropolitan Street Railway company then came prominently into view. But even then the old Tenth Street line was a dependent company showing that they were not any definitely organized system. Other independent companies were thinking of settling here but organized strength is always more powerful than scattered forces. The Metropolitan had the right of way because of its minority and soon it absorbed the old Tenth Street line. Cable Car Smith as he was then known was very prominent because he proved a great factor in the city's progress by his then inventive ideas of the Cable car system. Through him and other organized promoters along that line Kansas City received

renewed inspiration. Mr. Walton Homes as president of the Metropolitan, and other organized promoters came to the front. Electric cars at that time or a little before were being experimented with in our city. These various changes gave the Negroes much work to do enabling them to support their families, save money and acquire property. Thus you see that the Metropolitan helped all the citizens both black and white, and more than ever lending their efforts toward the city's progress. At this time stronger men came to the front. Pres. Bernard Corrigan and Gen. Mgr. C. M. Black with their quaternary of promoters and stockholders put the Twentieth Century Ideas in the company. Their motto was, "Let no rough or rough places, or stumbling blocks stand in the way of progress." Mr. Corrigan came all the way from a foreman of a Sexton gang to the present position as president of the company. The evidences of his works are seen everywhere. He believes in going among the masses connected with the company in arousing enthusiasm to their laborious occupations. Mr. C. N. Black as Gen. Mgr., has in no small part contributed and communicated his valuable ideas to the company. His task is an arduous one indeed as he must despatch and differentiate the good from the bad and manage all of the technical work in this corporate body. Thus the thinking mind can readily see that the Metropolitan Street Railway has been and is a potential factor in Kansas City's progress.

### THE BLACK DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY'S STOCK IS A SAFE INVESTMENT.

Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, president of this company lectured at Allen chapel last Monday night. He gave the history of his company and showed the location of the property they own in Kansas by small and large maps.

He says "the colored man must learn to make his money make money by investing it in some paying proposition." There are three things which you should know before putting your money into any corporation. First, who are the men behind the thing, are they good business men with finance? Can they do or produce what they claim. Third, have they a market for the product? The Black Diamond Development company has already accepted a contract signed and sealed to furnish the Missouri Gas Co., about all the natural gas they can produce. Therefore the success of the company is assured. You are advised to buy stock now at 50 cents a share as it may go to \$1 at any time.

### THE MORAL GENIUS OF THE Y. M. C. A.

A great campaign is being carried on in the city for the purpose of soliciting a fund to be expended for the construction of a building to be known as the Y. M. C. A. for the colored young men of the city. A few months ago a like campaign was carried on by the white people of this community in which they succeeded in raising a fund of \$75,000 for the training of young white men of this community along those moral lines for which all Y. M. C. A. are intended.

Now true-hearted Negroes, let us rally from the very depths of our energy for the purpose of raising \$2,000 for the moral education for our Negro youths. Sad indeed is the time when our Negro youths have no place to assemble for social felicitations, and good moral yearning and aptitudes. Now stand together Ne-

groes, 35,000 strong for the moral uplift of our young men. By their communications and association in a building known as the Y. M. C. A. They will be in a position to wield an influence for the betterment of the Race.

### DR. THEO. SMITH'S DEPARTURE.

It is to be lamentably regretted that our popular young druggist, Theo. Smith is about to sell his places of business and depart for Boston. Mr. Smith has won a sincere place in the heart of Kansas City Negroes.

This paper in commenting on that fact extends the wishes of thousands of conscientious Negroes that he remain with us. Dr. Smith has grown in the commercial world by some very miraculous efforts. He is very valuable to our city, as through his many places of business he has lent tone and dignity in the Negro world of business. Why not good people join with this paper and ask him to remain among us. His work is a common good to our entire race variety. He has the sympathy of thousands because of his sincere work along his own particular line. Kansas City holds out some bright prospects for our young business man if he will only remain. His success has already been assured by his self-evident assertions and strong indications.

Dr. Smith may we ask you to stay as you have made your own place in society and established your own status in the business world. Well done, good and faithful public servant. Continue on your successful way.

**BALSIGER BROS. GROCERIES AND MEATS. BEST GOODS; LOWEST PRICES. NINTH AND CHARLOTTE ST. BOTH 'PHONES 1808 MAIN.**

Dr. Williams was cordially received by the old Kansas citizens who knew him in pioneer days. The results of his visit have been very gratifying to him.

Springfield, Mo. News.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

Editor Rising Son,

Dear Sir:

Hon. A. W. Lloyd, G. C., Knight of Pythias for Missouri, wrote me recently that you would like to have an article from Springfield and that I must tell you something. Well, my dear sir, the Negroes of Springfield have lots to be thankful for and they need to get together and do something that will better the condition of the race and serve as an incentive for our young people—Springfield is quite a society town—three Masonic lodges, the K. of P., Knights of Tabar, Odd Fellows and very soon we will have the U. B. F.'s and G. M. T.'s. The Royal Arch Masons and Court of Hermines of Jericho observed Palm Sunday here on the 24th and Dr. J. S. Dorsey, the efficient pastor of Washington Ave., Baptist church, preached for them a masterful sermon on the subject: "Ideal Womanhood." The sermon was truly a treat of admonition and edification and was replete with rich gems of nature. The sermon was well received and by the way, Dr. Dorsey is doing a great work here for the race and for his denomination. Springfield needs more such men and better still, Dr. Dorsey is a true Pythian and M. of Ex. of Fidelity lodge No. 7 on Sunday night March 24th.

The K. of P. and Court of Calanthe held their anniversary and Easter exercises at Washington Ave. Baptist church. The occasion was said to have been the grandest affair in the history of the order in Springfield and on Monday night, the 25th the order held a reception in their castle hall, at which, the Knight Templars of St. Andrews and Commandery No. 27 turned out in full dress and attended in a body. The occasion was a grand affair—the leading ministers of the city turning out and taking part—the Knights of Pythias of Missouri under the leadership of A. W. Lloyd, are making themselves felt, and are doing a work for the race that can not be gained said; they are proving beyond question the possibility of Negro leadership and his ability to manage and conduct great enterprises for the elevation and amelioration of the race. Mr. Lloyd is certainly an organizer and has done more for the order in the way of organization and influencing the leading Negro educators of the state to enroll in the K. of P.'s than all the other G. C. combined. Since the last session in Kansas City last July, he has organized 4 new lodges with a membership of 875 and two companies of the U. R. He is a Pythian that is doing things. His motto seems to be "When you have a good thing, push it along." A. W. Lloyd is certainly the right man in the right place.

I am glad to note, also, that the colored press of Missouri has contributed very much to his success in the work of organizing and promoting the success and onward march of our progress in Pythianism and the Pythians throughout the jurisdiction should rally to the support of these journals.

Pythians, Calantheans, Sir Knights of the U. R., if you have been slow and tardy in your support of these Negro journals, let me urge you and insist that you wake up and do something substantial, take the papers, read them, distribute them among the brothers and last but not most important, pay for them. The writer is proud to report that we now have a promising U. R. company in Springfield and when you get ready to board the train for Louisville, next August look for "Syracuse" company No. 1. from Springfield. The Knights Templars of this city, together with Euclid Chapter No. 24, O. E. G., observed Easter at the C. P. Church Sunday, March 31st. An interesting musical and literary program was rendered. The Knights were looking their best. Drs. Dorsey and Simpson, made telling speeches, discussing what the race needs and what we must do. Dr. Simpson is the newly called pastor of Gysson Chapel C. P. church.

church and is an able and scholarly minister. We predict for him a successful and beneficial stay in Springfield. We invite more such men and God bless our race. God bless our

knights band. God bless our leaders and give us more competent and worthy ones. God bless our press, God enable us all to come up fully to the measure of our opportunities, realizing that "we grow, like the things our souls believe and rise or sink as we aim high or low."

Yours for the race,

B. F. ADAMS,  
C. C. and Principal Douglas school.

### JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

The entire office force of the Washington and Richmond headquarters has been moved to 194 Cumberland street, Norfolk, Virginia, where the work is now being carried on with a vigor and thoroughness that betokens results of a most satisfactory character.

The United Order of True Reformers, of which Rev. W. L. Taylor, of Richmond, is president, is to illustrate in a practical way the development of the Negro as a banker. They will erect a substantial building, and throughout the life of the Exposition, will have in full operation a model bank, with safe deposit attachment, staff of cashier and tellers, and will handle the money of concessionaires, receive deposits from visitors and employees, and transact a regular banking business for all who may require such service.

Our people may congratulate themselves upon the happy location of the Negro Building. It is situated near the main entrance to the Exposition grounds, and faces the principal thoroughfare—the first and most conspicuous structure the visitor sees when he passes through the gates.

The North Carolina exhibit will be especially fine, perhaps the most elaborate of the state exhibits. The work from the North Carolina institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind will be worth traveling many miles to see. This comprehensive exhibit is due to the energetic labors of Dr. C. N. Hunter, secretary of the State Commission, and Field Agent C. H. Williamson. It will be remembered that the state of North Carolina appropriated the handsome sum of \$5,000 to aid their progressive colored citizens in letting the world know how rapidly they are moving forward.

W. Sidney Pittman, who has been in Norfolk and at the Exposition grounds supervising the erection of the imposing structure he has designed, is one of the leading architects in this country, irrespective of race or color. He is a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute, and of the Drexel School of Fine Arts at Philadelphia. The building is a classic structure, 213 by 129 feet, two stories in height, and will cost \$10,000. It will be in itself a monumental exhibit of the artistic and mechanical genius of the Negro people in America.

The Indianapolis Freeman, a newspaper that enjoys a national reputation, and which is conceded to be one of the most influential race champions in the land, is out in a strong editorial endorsement of the Negro Exhibit. The race press can always afford to follow where Freeman leads.

Wilberforce University and Hampton Institute will make displays that are sure to attract widespread attention.

### ERNEST HOGAN IN "RUFUS RASTUS."

The unbleached American is playing in a very good musical comedy, which has attracted much attention for the past two years. This is the last year Mr. Hogan will play "Rufus Rastus". He will start from New York next year with a new company entitled "The Minister to Blazaxas." The lyrics of this company and of the new company were composed by Mr. Lester A. Waldon, an old newspaper man of St. Louis, Mo.

Remember that H. C. Johnson is the Negro tombstone engraver and can sell you tombstones cheap. From \$5 and up. Give him a trial. Office with Countess Brothers 914 E. 12th st. Both Phones 780 grand and main.

### THE YOUNG MEN MUST STAND TOGETHER.

In this community there is a conspiracy on a part of some of the older men to hold our young men down. This has been in evidence on several occasions. The older men some of which have not taken advantage of their opportunities find themselves being crowded by our younger men and they feel that the young men should be held back. Everywhere a young man sticks his head up for recognition, he finds the older man with the big stick ready to beat him back in line. The older men stir up strife between the young men in order to keep them from progressing.

What must the young man do? They must stick together. They must organize in order to advance. They must be prepared together to fight their way to the front.

Just a few days ago a Negro principal refused to support a Negro enterprise carried on by the pupils of the various negro schools of this city we dare say, some of them possibly went to him. Now what is his duty as a teacher. Here they are. First he is to give his children knowledge and teach them race pride. Second he is supposed by his own actions to train them in the manner in which they should follow.

We wish to ask the public, has he done this? His job is a public position, held by the virtue of the race which he represents. Hundreds of families send their children to his school. They are sent there to receive a uniform education, but he in the very act of educating them throttles the ambition of those gone on ahead. Is this true education. No! It is a farce. It only shows he is a figure head and is only working for the salary it pays him, and not sincerely for the race. Young men you must stand together. Don't let the old men throttle your ambition. Pull yourself up by your boot straps. Rise over up over their struggling forms.

**MR. L. R. SPRINGER, THE PROPRIETOR OF THE SADDLE ROCK OYSTER PARLOR AT NO. 709 WYANDOTTE ST., IS A YOUNG MAN TO BE COMPLEMENTED ON HIS SUCCESS AND BUSINESS ABILITY. HE HAS TRAVELED FROM ONE END OF THIS COUNTRY TO THE OTHER, AND HAS SEVERAL TRADES IN WHICH HE CAN EASILY EARN A GOOD LIVING IN EITHER ONE HE MAY CHOOSE TO WORK AT. IN THE NEAR FUTURE HE WILL HAVE ONE OF THE FINEST CAFES FOR COLORED PEOPLE IN THE GREAT WEST. WE ARE GLAD TO SAY THAT KANSAS CITY'S COLORED POPULATION IS PROUD OF HER YOUNG MEN OF ABILITY, AND GIVES THEM CREDIT FOR WHAT THEY CAN DO.**

**GIVE MR. SPRINGER A CALL AND TRY ONE OF HIS MEALS. THEY ARE FIRST CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT.**

EDWARD ROSS.

President Y. M. C. A.

The subject of this sketch, Mr. Ross, has lived in Kansas City for 26 years. He has been connected with the Second Baptist church during his entire life in this community, doing great work for the church.

He has been identified with every race enterprise tending toward the uplift of the race. At present his steady and sincere work in the Y. M. C. A. is attracting great attention, because of his splendid progress Mr. Ross took charge of the Y. M. C. A. when it had completely gone to almost failure. Prof. Starnes was the original organizer, but it was left to Mr. Ross to follow him and slowly build the institution on a stronger basis. At present his great work is confined to a \$2,000 canvass. Mr. Ross well deserves the hearty co-operation of his race. His work is an open book, ever onward to make good Christians and citizens out of our young men. This is his great aim in life. He intends to build a large construction and to have a more complete outfit for the Y. M. C. A.

### The New Arlington Theatre

Eighteenth and Harrison Streets,  
Kansas City, Mo., the only Colored Vaudeville House in the City.

ENTRANCING MUSIC. SWEET SINGING. CLEVER DANCING. CLEAN, WITTY MONOLOGUES. AN ENTERTAINMENT FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. A NEW BILL EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT. A FEATURE: THE PROMENADE AFTER THE SHOW. THE EASTER CRAZE. ADMISSION 25 CENTS. REFRESHMENTS OF ALL KINDS. OPEN FRIDAY APRIL 19TH.

### NOTICE.

PREFORMERS CAN BE BOOKED AT 926 WYANDOTTE ST. ALL PERFORMERS MUST HAVE THEIR ACT AND MUSIC ARRANGED BEFORE BEING BOOKED. ORCHESTRATIONS CAN BE ARRANGED BY M. B. VASSAR AT 802 E. 10TH ST.—H. PATTON, STAGE MANAGER.

### SOCIETY HAS REACHED A HIGHER PLANE IN KANSAS CITY.

Thirty years ago in Kansas City Negro society in this community was in its infancy. Today Negro society of this city has reached a high ebullience. With the importation of the many Negro professional men the status and scope has been raised very high indeed. Society is made from positions and salary; from legitimate business; from old settlers and old families; from property owners and buyers.

The Negro has fairly met their expectations. Of the various walks of life wherein the society is being shaped is through our mail carriers, teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers, and Negroes holding various other jobs demanding large compensations, making the holders factors in the social whirl. Let this progress continue and Kansas City will be the queen city of the West for Negro citizens. They will come from far and near to enjoy some of Kansas City's climate and affable people.

### WHY YOU SHOULD BUY BLACK DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT CO.'S STOCK.

It is a Corporation. It is not a Scheme. It is a Business Enterprise. Every Share is FULLY PAID. There is no Personal Liability. All Shares participate alike. There is no Preferred Stock. It has 7 Gas Wells. Two more being drilled. The Wells produce 15,000,000 cubic feet of Gas per day. It Success is Made. It has contracted for the sale of all its Gas. It has contracted for 23 more Wells. It now owns 620 Acres of Gas Leases. The Pipe Line will be finished April 20th. Kansas City will soon be burning BLACK DIAMOND Gas. Dividends will be paid on \$1.00 (PAR) for every share you own not less than 6 per cent. There were 10 stockholders Oct. 24, 1905. There are over 500 now. There are but a few Shares for sale. There will never be another Share for sale by the Company. Conclusion: Buy Now or Never. Stock 50 cents per Share. BLACK DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Write Dr. A. W. Williams, 2840 State St., Chicago.

Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams an old resident of Kansas City, Mo., formerly a teacher of Kansas City, Mo., who has been in our city giving us valuable lessons relative to oil and gas fields and other corporate interests controlled by Negroes will leave tonight with a party of Kansas citizens for Chanute, Kan., to investigate the oil and gas fields controlled by the Black Diamond Development Co., of which he is president. Dr. Williams holds several valuable contracts signed by the President of the Gas companies of Kansas and Missouri testifying as to the genuineness of his proposition.